

## EMERGENCY SERVICES TECHNICIAN I

### **GENERAL DEFINITION OF WORK:**

*FLSA Status: Non-Exempt*

Performs responsible protective service work providing fire suppression, emergency medical care and response to hazardous materials incidents; does related work as required. Much of the work is performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard. Work is performed under regular supervision.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:**

**Responding to emergency fire, medical related situations and hazardous materials incidents; providing entry, suppression and rescue services; maintaining equipment and facilities; continuing training and instruction.**

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

- Responds to calls to provide emergency medical assistance to provide basic life support emergency medical care; rides on ambulances in response to emergency calls and in the transport of patients to or from a medical facility.
- Provides advanced life support care to critical ambulance patients in accordance with regional and local medical protocols and/or on-line medical control upon approval and direction of medical director and/or hospital-based physician/medical control physician.
- Responds to fire alarms; operates fire pumps; fights fires; performs rescues; lifts carries, drags, lays, and connects hose lines and appliances; assists in loading and unloading ladders; performs salvage and overhaul operations; directs traffic and establishes safety zones.
- Responds to incidents involving hazardous materials; initiates requests for appropriate assistance; may provide emergency decontamination and/or treatment to contaminated victims.
- Performs physical fitness training; participates in a continuous training program to improve competence in firefighting, medical clinical work and in rescue vehicle service and operation.
- Inspects and tests fire apparatus and ambulances and their emergency equipment; maintains proper inventory of equipment and supplies for County EMS and fire units; cleans and sanitizes equipment; ensures that equipment is in proper and good working order; assists in cleaning and maintaining fire station and grounds.
- Completes and maintains accurate records, forms, and reports for various administrative, operational, and training activities.
- Performs pre-planning; makes on-site inspections of businesses and residences; performs data entry and formulates a pre-incident response plan.
- Educates the public in CPR and fire prevention.
- Performs related tasks as required.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

General knowledge of firefighting techniques and procedures as applied to fire suppression, principles and techniques of emergency medical care; ability to learn technical firefighting principles and techniques and principles of hydraulics as applied to fire suppression; some knowledge of the street system and physical layout of the County; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and some fire suppression and emergency medical experience.

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

This is medium work requiring the exertion of 50 pounds of force occasionally, up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects, and some heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for depth perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, oils, and wearing a self contained breathing apparatus. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Possession of Firefighter II, HazMat Operations, EMT., EVOC I/II. Must meet and maintain minimum qualifications and certifications for position as established by the department.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential tasks.